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From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Thur 8/13/2015 8:38:18 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Ok thanks

From: Davis, Jay
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:37 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

Ok. I think I might go see my mom earlier and hop online again later, if that's ok.

I'm going to send you the drafts I have on NM in case anything happens while I'm away.

From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Davis, Jay
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

We don't know. It will likely be the same as what I sent at 2am from CO, but I don't know when. I don't think the messages will change.

From: Davis, Jay
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 4:21 PM
To: Purchia, Liz
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Release

Is this statement still evolving, or is the below pretty much where it's going to land? Will there be charts again that we can use? I have drafts; just need to finalize.

I've got bandwidth still, and about an hour until I need to go see my mom.

From: Purchia, Liz
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Davis, Jay
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Current draft of NM data statement

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EPA Statement on Data from New Mexico to Navajo Nation from Gold King Mine Release

FARMINGTON, NM - Today, EPA is releasing additional water quality data for the Animas and San Juan Rivers from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation.

To assess the impacts of the release at the Gold King Mine water quality samples were collected from the Northern Border of New Mexico to Navajo Nation at numerous intervals beginning on Aug. 5, 2015. Samples were taken prior to the plume's arrival to establish a baseline for water quality comparisons. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead and mercury.

Surface water samples were collected on Friday, August 7, 2015, at four (4) locations prior to arrival of the plume, and on Saturday, August 8, 2015, at nine (9) locations after arrival of the plume along the Animas and San Juan Rivers in New Mexico. Each surface water sample was analyzed for 24 metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, and mercury. The results indicate the concentration of metals in the river do not appear to cause harm to aquatic life, livestock, crops and people using the river for recreation activities.

Analysis now shows that water quality for the Animas and San Juan Rivers have returned to pre-event water quality levels. These results are based on validated sampling data collected from Aug. 5 to Aug. 9, 2015.

EPA has shared this data with state, local and tribal officials in New Mexico to assist them in their decisions regarding the on-going use of water resources. EPA plans to continue to monitor, analyze and share data for downstream river segments as it becomes available.